

Hardship Application Form

I wish to have my entry or (entries) in the 2017 Story Writing & Art Competition considered for ***The John Quinlivan TPI Special Recognition Award.***

Title of the entry/entries

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- 2.
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The following information is provided in support of my application.

The nature of my disability or (disabilities) is as follows:

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Compulsory section:

My disability (disabilities) has/have made completing my entry/entries difficult due to the specific reasons outlined below: (Please note that this section will enable the Selection Committee to understand the extent of your hardship. It is not enough to say "TPI" or "PTSD" as this does not explain how these hardships prevented you from say, painting a picture or writing a story or producing a craft item).

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I understand that the information provided above will be made available to members of the Story Writing & Art Competition Steering Committee and Judges and will only be used to determine whether my entry (entries) can be considered for ***The John Quinlivan TPI Special Recognition Award.***

Full name:

Signature: Date:

About The John Quinlivan TPI Special Recognition Award

An entry in the Story Writing and Art Competition (SWAC) will be considered for *The John Quinlivan TPI Special Recognition Award* if the entry was completed under special hardship.

For the purposes of the prize, special hardship is established where:

- a) the entrant has suffered a disability; and
- b) the entrant has faced substantial difficulty in completing the entry; and
- c) this difficulty is related to the disability.

The entrant needs to demonstrate that their special hardship made it more difficult to produce the entry than under normal circumstances.

The SWAC Steering Committee adopts the definition of disability stated in the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act* 1992. The Act interprets disability as:

- total or partial loss of the person's bodily or mental functions;
- total or partial loss of a part of the body;
- the presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness;
- the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness;
- the malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of the person's body;
- a disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction; or
- a disorder, illness or disease that affects a person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment or that results in disturbed behaviour.

The Committee's decision as to the recipient of the award may take into account the relative difficulty under which eligible entries were produced.

The Committee's decision is final and non-appealable.